

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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| <b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY THE )</b>  | <b>ORDER EXTENDING TIME</b> |
| <b>DUNHAM COMPANY FOR A MASTER )</b>         | <b>FOR DECISION</b>         |
| <b>METERING VARIANCE REQUEST FOR THE )</b>   |                             |
| <b>RIVER CENTRE OFFICE BUILDING, SIOUX )</b> | <b>GE00-002</b>             |
| <b>FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>                 |                             |

On April 24, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a master metering variance request from the Dunham Company (Dunham) for its River Centre Office Building. The Dunham Company requested a variance from ARSD 20:10:26:04(6). The Dunham Company further requested that a hearing be scheduled if necessary.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:26:07, if an applicant requests a hearing, the Commission shall serve notice of the hearing on the affected utility company and set a procedural schedule. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, including 49-34A-27, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:26.

A hearing was scheduled for June 8, 2000, beginning at 1:30 o'clock P.M., in Room 413 of the State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. The hearing was held as scheduled. The issue at the hearing was whether a master metering variance should be granted to the Dunham Company for its River Centre Office Building. At the close of the hearing, the Commission took the matter under advisement.

At its June 20, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to extend the deadline for a decision. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:26:08, the Commission finds good cause to extend the time for ruling on this application for a variance. The Commission notes that at the hearing, Commissioner Schoenfelder asked that Mr. Dunham request a letter from NSP and MidAmerican concerning their position on Mr. Dunham's request for a variance. The Commission received a letter from NSP but has not received a letter from MidAmerican. Thus, the Commission will extend the time for ruling until such time as it receives a letter from MidAmerican. After receiving the letter, the Commission will make a ruling as soon as its schedule permits. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to extend the time for ruling on this application.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of June, 2000.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

